EXHIBIT B

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE 42^{ND} CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF MIDLAND

HERON COVE ASSOCIATION, on behalf

of its members, and individually by its

members: JEFFERY DANA; JUDY

DANA; BRIAN ABRAHAM; JAYNA

ABRAHAM; DEBORA ADAMS;

MICHAEL ADAMS; SHANNON

ADAMS; JAMIE ADAMS; RIC ADER;

SALLY ADER; MICHAEL ADOLPH;

DARLENE ADOLPH; CLIFFORD

ALLEN; ANDREW ALLEN; PAUL

ALLEN; JAYNE ALLEN; PAMELA

ALLEN; JULIE ALLEN; CHRISTINE

ALLEN; LEONARD ALLEN; DAVID

ALTENBERNT; JACOB ALTENBERNT;

CONNIE ALTENBERNT; BRITTANY

ALTENBERNT; EDWARD

ARSENEAULT; AMY ARSENEAULT;

DICK ARTHUR; DOREEN ARTHUR;

DENNIS ATHEY; PATRICIA ATHEY;

BRAD AVER; KRISTY AVER; KURT

BAKER; SANDRA BAKER; CYNTHIA

BALHORN; JAQUELINE BALHORN;

JOSEPH BALHORN; JANA BARINGER;

RICHARD BARLOW; RAYMOND

BARTON; PAMELA BARTON;

DOUGLAS BASHUR; MELANIE

BASHUR; RAY BAUERS; MARIE

RISTE; SCOTT BAUMGART; ROBERT

BAZINET; MICHAEL BAZZLE; AMY

BAZZLE; ROBERT BEAUCHAMP;

DEBRA BEAUCHAMP; MARY BETH

BECHTEL; CAROLINE GOICK;

MICHAEL BECKHAM; KEN

BELLHORN; GEORGE BENCI; JOHN

BENCI; SHARON BENCI; ROBERT

BENNETT: TAMMY BENNETT:

GILBERT BERNIER; JACQUELINE

BERNINGER; ALYSIA BERTHIAUME;

LINDA BEVERIN; SUSAN E. BEYER;

GARY BISHOP; KRYSTAL BISHOP;

JASON BISKNER; STACEY BISKNER;

JUDY BOMAN; GARY BOOTH; HOLLY

Case No. 24-2751-AA

BOOTH; RONALD BOWMAN; CLARA BOWMAN; STACI BOYNTON; ELAINE BRANCHEAU; SHAWN BRANCHAEU; KATHLEEN BREWIS; CARY BREWIS; SCOTT BRICHACEK; RACHELE BRICHACEK; JIM BRINK; AMY BRINK; AJ BROCK; CYNTHIA BROCK; JAMES BROSIER; PAULA BROSIER; DAVID BROWN; FRED BRYAN; LISA KINSEY; FRED KINSEY; HALINA BULAT; JOZEF BULAT; ROBERT BUNKER; JANICE BUNKER; JACK BURNIAC, JR.; ANDREW BYCE; KAREN BYCE; JIMMY CAIN; CATHY CAIN; PAT CALAHAN; JENNIFER CALAHAN; JAMES CALDWELL; PATRICIA CALDWELL; RENEE CALHOUN; MICHAEL CAMPBELL; MELANIE CAMPBELL; ROBERT CAPELING; JENNIFER CAPELING; WAYNE CASKEY; JOSETTA CASKEY; JANIS A.E. COLTON; TIMOTHY COOK; NICHOLAS COON; ANN COON; ROBERT COWGILL; RICHARD COX; CAROLYN COX; ROBERT CUBBA; RITA CUBBA: KEITH DANIELS: PATRICIA DANIELS; DONNA DAVIS; BRADLY DAVIS; LOU ANN DAVIS; STACY DAVIS; GENE DAVIS; KIM DAVIS; JO ELLEN DE VUYST; KENDALL DE VUYST; KRISTINA DELISLE; KEVIN DELISLE; GARY DELONG; BELINDA DELONG; DAWN DENMARK; ROD DENMARK; **BRADLEY DENNINGTON; DAVID DINSMORE: PAMELA DINSMORE:** TERRIL DISCH; TERRY DONAKOWSKI; CHERYL DONAKOWSKI; RICHARD DOWNING; SUSAN DOWNING; LEANNA DOYLE; NICK DRYE; TIFFANY DRYE; TERESA **DUFRESNE**; MICHAEL DUNCAN; SCOTT DUNCANSON; CAREY **DUNCANSON: JOHN DURANCZYK:** THOMAS DWYER; STEPHANIE DWYER; DAVID EBENDICK; ROBIN

EBENDICK; DAN EICKHOFF; JULIE EICKHOFF; KARI W. FARLING; BETH

MANSFIELD; MICHELLE

FARRINGTON; JOHN KAPRAL;

BOBERT FAVREALL; CHARLES

FEGREUS; PATRICK FELD; ROBERT J.

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LUANN FOLLETT; KEITH FOREN;

CHARLOTTE FOSGARD; WALTRAUD

FUSCO; MARK GAHRY; CARL

GARBACIK; KAREN GAWRON; JAMES

GEROMETTEE; GIOVAINA

GEROMETTEE; THADDEUS

GIERALTOWSKI; MARY ANN

GIERALTOWSKI; JEFFERY GIGNAC;

BARBARA GIGNAC; JILL GLINSKI;

JEROME GLINSKI; GARY GNYP;

MARY GNYP; EILEEN

GOLDSWORTHY; CURTIS GOLL;

MARTHA GOLL; JILL R. GOODEMOOT;

TIMOTHY GORDERT; GERARD

GOWAN; MICHAEL GREEN; JEFF

GRONAU; DONNA GRONAU; DOUG

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GUSTINE; LISA GUSTINE; JANET

HABERLAND; JAMES HANKERD;

KIMBERLY HANKERD; JEREMIE

HANNA; DANIELLE HANNA;

MICHELE HARDY; HARRY

HARTFIELD; KENNETH HARVILLE;

JOSHUA HARVILLE; JESSICA

MINARD; JAMES HAWLEY; KIM

HAWLEY; LORRAINE HEDRICH;

BRIANT HEISER; KEVIN HENNESSY;

SANDRA HENNESSY; JUDY GERRIE

HERNANDEZ; GAIL POST-HEROLD;

JOHN HIGHFIELD; JENNIFER

HIGHFIELD; DAVID HILDEN; SALLY

HILDEN; GEORGE HILLIARD; LORI

HILLIARD; CHARLES HILLIKER; RUSS

HIUMENIAK; JENNIFER HIUMENIAK;

JAY HOCKING; SUSAN HOCKING;

MARIANN HODGE: GARY HOMMEL:

MARY JO HOMMEL; MICHAEL

HOPKINS; CHARLENE HOPKINS;

JONATHAN HOZESKA; CARRIE HOZESKA; MICHAEL HUBER; CARRIE **HUCKINS**; GORDON HUCKINS; BEHZAD HUSSEINZADEH; PAMELA HUSSEINZADEH; DANIEL IGNACE; DANA IGNACE; DAN INMAN; BEVERLY INMAN; CHARLES IRELAND; GERI IRELAND; JOHN JAKUBIEC; DENNIS JOHNSON; ROGER JOHNSON; KIM JOHNSON; SONG CHA KANG; KAL KAUFMANN; GINA KAUFMANN; RICHARD KEDZIOREK; DIANE KEDZIOREK; ALBERT KEEN; CYNTHIA KEHOE; MELISSA KELLER; JOE KELLOGG; STACIE KELLOGG; IRENE KENNEDY; KVLA KENNETH; KATHLEEN KENWORTHY; DAVID KINGSBURY; RITA KINGSBURY; DANIEL KINNER; CHERYL KINNER; RONALD KLINE; MICHELLE KLINE; JAMES KNIEPER; MICHAEL KOLANOWSKI; VICKY KOLANOWSKI; JASON KOZAK; KATIE KOZAK; KEVIN KRAFT; DONA KRAFT; GEORGE KRATZ; KRATZ CO. LLC, RAYMOND KRUEGER; JOSEPH KRUEGER; SYLVESTER KIM; RODNEY KRUGER; SHARON KRUGER; THERESA KRYS; LYLE SHIFFER; PATRICK KUCHER; MONICA KUCHER; KATIE GRUND; BRANDON GRUND; DEREK KUNDINGER; ANGELA KUNDINGER; ARTHUR KUPIEC; LOUISE KUPIEC; MICHELL LAFOND; ROBERT LAGRAFF; BRENDA LAGRAFF: JOHN LANG: BETHANY LANG; RICHARD LAPOINTE; CHRISTINE LAPOINTE; ALAN LARSON; ANDREA LARSON; ED LASKE; COLLEEN LASKE; MICHAEL LATHROP; MARTIN LATHROP; CRYSTAL LATHROP; TYLER LATHROP; CHRISTAL LATHROP; SHARON LEACH: EDWARD LEACH: ED LEE; KIMBERLY LEE; LARRY LESTER; GERALD LICQUIA; KAREN

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DIANA L. COLE TRUST; KAY DURANCZYK; TONY DURANCZYK; SHARON GILLETTE; ANDREW STEPHENSON; RICHARD GRZEGORCZYK; LEZLEY GRZEGORCZYK; NICHOLAS HOLLY; DEENA HOLLY; D. JOAN JOHNS; DIANE KOSHT; WILLIAM LAI; MARINA LAI; HENRY LEICH; CHERYL LEICH; ANDREA LEWIS; ANDREA LOPEZ; MARILYN MEYLAN TRUST; DALE MYERS; ROBERT NIENHAUS; SHERYL NIENHAUS; CAROL **OUELLETTE; NANCY PIETZ;** RICHARD & DONNA LABRENZ TRUST; KELLY RUSSELL; VIRGINIA RUSSELL; ROSEMARY SAVAGE; KENNETH SAVAGE; KENNETH SESTO; DENISE SESTO; CATHERINE SESTO; JAMES SESTO; TORY SHOWEK; LISA SHOWEK; JOHN TRACY; LORRAINE TRACY; LOST ARROW RESORT; TITTABAWASEE RESORT LLC; MICHELYNNE ADDINGTON; CHARLES ADDINGTON; MARJORIE ALLMAN: ROGER ANTEAU: WENDY ANTEAU; JERRY ATKINSON; THERESA ATKINSON; BRAD AUER; KRISTY AUER; JENNIFER AUTY; TERRIE BABBITT; MICHAEL G. BARTLETT; MICHAEL BERGER; ASHLEY BERGER; SCOTT BIGELOW; BRIAN BRADEN; SARAH BRADEN; LAWRENCE BRADY; CAROL BRADY; DANIEL BRODAK; LOREN BRUNGER; GLENDA BRUNGER; DAVID CANNING; HELEN CANNING; BRUCE CARTER; SHERRY CARTER; KAREN CENTOFANTI; MICHAEL CHRISS; SHARON CHRISS; SHERYL DENMARK; DANIEL DIONNE; DAWN DIONNE; CHRISTINE DOUGLASS; DONALD DRAYTON; WENDY FABER; ROBERT FABER: ROBERT KELEY: GEORGE FERGUSON; LYNDA FERGUSON; VELMA GERMAIN;

MICHAEL GRIFFIN; SUSAN GRITZINGER; ANTHONY GROHMAN; JAMES HARDY; TONYA HARDY; BONNIE HARGRAVES; LORRAINE HEDRICK; LESLIE HESS; BRENDA L. HILLIKER; WILLIAM HOGREBE; PATRICIA HOGREBE; ALLAN INNES; JEFFREY KALETO; RYAN KALETO; ROBERT KELLEY; JOSEPH KELLOGG; JEFF KINNE; SANDY KINNE; ANDREW KRIEGER; FRANK LEVENICK; MICHELLE LEVENICK; TIMOTHY LONG; ROXANNE LONG; ASHLEY LOTHIAN; BRAD LYON; KIM LYON; DERALD MARSH; KITTY MASCARO; WILLIAM MASCARO, JR.; JOHN MCCANN; MARY MCCANN; GERARD MCGOWAN; ARICKA MEALBACK; MICHAEL MERCIER; TARAH MERCIER; LYNDA MIESKE; RICHARD MILLER; JUDY MILLER; CARLTON MILLS; JANICE MILLS; ALEXANDRA MURPHY; MICHAEL MURPHY; DAVID J. MURRAY; FREDRICK MURRAY; ROSEMARIE MURRAY; ROBERT NEIIENDAM; JENNIFER NEIIENDAM; WAYNE ODELL; DANIEL OUILLETTE; LISA OUILLETTE; GEORGE PATTERSON; TAMMY PATTERSON; DUANE LEE PAUL; ANTHONY A. PAVONE; MATTHEW PENNY; NANCY PENNY; NICHOLAS PHILLIPS; KARENA PHILLIPS; DARIN POLE; SANDRA PRIEMER; DENNIS RADCLIFFE; MARK L. RAMER; DAVID RANDALL: TONY REEDY: MAUREEN REEDY; RANDAL REGNIER; PATRICIA REGNIER; PETRINA RICE; DANIEL RITTER; ETOILE RITTER; CYNTHIA ROBINSON; CASEY ROSS; STEPHANIE SABIN; LARRY SCHMIDT; SHARON SCHMIDT; ROBERT SCHOOLEY; ANNE SCHOOLEY; PAUL SHERYL; JOHN SMILNAK: LAURIE SMITH: EDWIN SPECKHARDT; MONICA SPECKHARDT; PATRICIA SPENCER;

MARK SULLIVAN; LATASHA SULLIVAN; NANCY THORP; CHAD TOMS; JULIE ANN VAN AMEYDE; ROBERT WOODRUFF; CINDY

WOODRUFF; STEVE WORPELL; TERRI WORPELL; JEFFREY ZAPORSKI; JOAN ZAPORSKI; WHITE FAMILY TRUST; LOST ARROW RESORT; PRESTON L. MARSH TRUST; GARY L. MEYLAN TRUST; TOMS FAMILY TRUST; ESTATE OF MARK AUTY; LANCE HUGHES; and

JOYCE SCHOFIELD, DONALD

KEARNS; DIANE KEARNS; JEFFREY FLETCHER; RICHARD GREGOR;

ANGELA GREGOR; JERRY ATKENSON;

THERESA ATKENSON; RICHARD KOVALCIK; SUSAN MONROE; GEORGE E. MONROE; ANDREW

KRIEGER

Appellants,

Hon. Judge Stephen P. Carras

v.

MIDLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, and GLADWIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, and FOUR LAKES TASK FORCE

Appellees.

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AMENDED CLAIM OF APPEAL

Appellants, Heron Cove Association, on behalf of its above-named members, and by its above-named individual members, through their counsel, FOSTER, SWIFT, COLLINS & SMITH, P.C., state as follows, pursuant to MCR 7.123:

- 1. Appellants claim an appeal from the decisions on February 6, 2024 by the Midland County Board of Commissioners and Gladwin County Board of Commissioners (the "Counties") to each approve a "Resolution Approving Four Lakes Special Assessment District 5-Year Operation and Maintenance Project Cost and Operation and Maintenance Assessment Roll, and Capital Improvement Project Cost Special Assessment Roll." The resolutions are attached as **Exhibit A**.
- 2. In 2019, under Part 307 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of 1994, as amended, MCL 307.30701 *et seq.*, the Counties by resolution appointed the Four Lakes Task Force ("FLTF") as their delegated authority to cause to be determined the normal lake levels for Wixom Lake, Sanford Lake, Smallwood Lake, and Secord Lake (collectively, the "Lakes"), and to establish the Four Lakes Special Assessment District.
- 3. The Counties then jointly filed petitions to determine normal lake levels and to establish the Four Lakes Special Assessment District in Midland County Circuit Court and Gladwin County Circuit Court.
- 4. On May 28, 2019, the Honorable Stephen P. Carras entered an order in Midland County Circuit Court setting normal lake levels for the Lakes and establishing the boundaries of the Four Lakes Special Assessment District. On July 18, 2019 (following an order from the Supreme Court Administrative Office appointing him to that court), Judge Carras entered that order in Gladwin County Circuit Court.

- 5. Under MCL 324.3014(3), a county "shall approve the cost and the special assessment roll by resolution" "[b]efore construction of a project is begun."
- 6. Upon information and belief, construction on the improvements began before the Counties confirmed the special assessment rolls.
- 7. On February 6, 2024, the Counties approved a 5-year operation and maintenance assessment roll and a 40-year capital assessment roll.
- 8. Under MCL 324.30714(4), "the special assessment roll with the assessments listed shall be final and conclusive unless appealed in a court within 15 days after county board approval."
- 9. Part 307 defines "court" as "a circuit court, and if more than 1 judicial circuit is involved, the circuit court designated by the county board or otherwise authorized by to preside over an action." MCL 324.30701(c).
- 10. On January 23, 2024, the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution "To Designate Venue/Court For Appeals of Four Lakes Task Force Special Assessment Matters, Pursuant to Statute," which designated venue and conferred jurisdiction upon the Midland County Circuit Court "for all matters relative to the Four Lakes Task Force, and/or special assessments for it as Gladwin County's Delegated Authority," attached as **Exhibit B**.
- 11. The Michigan Court of Appeals has held that appeals from the apportionment of a special assessment under the Inland Lake Level Act are properly heard in circuit court. *In re Project Cost and Special Assessment Roll for Chappel Dam*, 282 Mich App 142, 145; 762 NW2d 192 (2009).
- 12. Appellant Heron Cove Association is a Michigan nonprofit corporation organized "[t]o promote the general welfare of its members, owners of any property along or near Second,

Smallwood, Wixom, and Sanford Lakes, including backlot properties with dedicated access. . .., or any property in or touching the Four Lakes Special Assessment District in or around Gladwin and Midland Counties, Michigan." It is comprised of property owners and those with property interests within the Four Lakes Special Assessment District or adjacent to it. Individual appellants are members of the Heron Cove Association who own or have interest in property within the Four Lakes Special Assessment District. Each appellant has standing to claim this appeal, and proceeding in one appeal is the most expeditious use of judicial resources. The members appealing and their addresses and Parcel IDs are listed in **Exhibit C**.

- 13. Appellants appeal the Counties' levying and apportionment of the special assessment rolls on the following grounds and as further detailed below:
 - a. The Counties' decisions were not authorized to law.
 - b. The Counties' decisions were not supported by competent, material, and substantial evidence on the whole record.
- 14. The Counties began construction on the improvement before they approved the cost and the special assessment roll by resolution.
 - a. The Counties' decisions were not authorized by law.
- 15. Appellants' properties derive little to no special benefit or gain in market value from the assessment beyond that provided to the community as a whole. *Kadzban v City of Grandville*, 442 Mich 495 (1993).
 - a. The Counties' decisions were not authorized by law.
 - b. The Counties' decisions were not supported by competent, material, and substantial evidence on the whole record.

16. The amount of the assessment imposed on Appellants' properties is grossly disproportionate to the increase in market value to the properties and constitutes a taking of property without due process of law, *Dixon Road Group v City of Novi*, 426 Mich 390 (1986), and an unconstitutional taking of property without just compensation.

- a. The Counties' decisions were not authorized by law.
- b. The Counties' decisions were not supported by competent, material, and substantial evidence on the whole record.
- 17. Appellants request the following relief:
 - a. That this court vacate the special assessment rolls.
 - b. That this court order a reapportionment of the special assessment roll so that the assessments are proportional to the increase in market value derived from the improvement.
 - c. Any other relief the Court finds just and equitable.
- 18. No bond is required by this appeal.

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